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## FINAL PASSAGE

### **SB 1141 (Cropsey)**

SB 1141 would amend definitions in the Drug Dealer Liability Act to reflect recent changes in controlled substances law regarding illegal drug level amounts. This bill is necessary to reflect changes made to mandatory minimums last session. The Drug Dealer Liability Act allows someone injured by an individual abuser of a controlled substance to bring an action against a person who participated in the illegal marketing of the controlled substance (a drug dealer).

- SB 1141 passed [RC 272: 38 yes, 0 no].

### **SB 1160 (McManus)**

SB 1160 would designate the portion of US 127 in Clare County as the Kevin Sherwood Memorial Freeway. On October 9, 2003, Clare County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Sherwood was responding to a 9-1-1 call about a drunk driver traveling the wrong direction on US-127, when the driver hit his patrol car head-on, killing him. Deputy Sherwood was a nine-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department and the first Clare County deputy to be killed in the line of duty.

- SB 1160 passed [RC 273: 38 yes, 0 no].

### **SB 1179 (Kuipers)**

SB 1179 would name the bridge on US-31 in Ottawa county (located in the city of Grand Haven between Jackson street and the M-104 exit) as the "Memorial Bridge".

- SB 1179 passed [RC 274: 38 yes, 0 no].

### **HB 4434 (SMITH)**

HB 4434 would provide that a court MAY require as a condition of probation that a person complete a high school education or obtain a general education development (GED) certificate. This bill would help promote probationers to complete GED requirements which would increase the likelihood of employment with a potential for an increased income.

- HB 4434 passed with IE [RC 270: 37 yes, 0 no].

## **HB 4867 (Koetje)**

HB 4867 would specify that the Department of Natural Resources could not promulgate or enforce a rule that prohibits an individual from carrying a pistol, whether concealed or not, if the individual is licensed under the concealed weapons statute. This bill is necessary to allow a holder of a concealed weapon permit to carry their firearm in areas designated for hunting. It doesn't make sense to disallow law-abiding citizens from carrying their firearm while walking in wild-life areas.

- **HB 4867 passed with IE [RC 271: 34 yes, 4 no].**

## **HB 5281 (Mortimer)**

HB 5281 would provide a new, lower minimum capital and surplus standard for a company that operates solely as a bail bond surety company.

Support: Michigan Professional Bail Agents Association, Universal Fire and Casualty Insurance -- A lower minimum surplus and capital requirement for bail bond surety companies is defensible because of the nature of the risk involved in that industry. Loss ratios are said to be small, and bail bond surety companies have ways to mitigate losses by pursuing the assets of customers.

Oppose: Office of Financial and Insurance Services -- OFIS has raised a number of concerns with the bill. Spokespersons have said the office believes Michigan courts and citizens would be best served if reputable and solvent companies are in place to sell bail bonds, and it believes the current \$7.5 million capital and surplus requirement assures the public that companies doing business in Michigan can meet their obligations.

- **HB 5281 passed with IE [RC 269: 33 yes, 4 no].**

# **THIRD READING**

## **SB 724 (George)**

SB 724 would delineate when a medical examiner must examine the body of a deceased person who has died in hospice care. Currently, the public health code requires that investigations be done in the case of death by violence, when death is unexpected, when medical attention has not been administered in the previous 48 hours or when a person dies as the result of an abortion. This bill states that, if a person dies in hospice care and has not received medical care within the previous 48 hours.

Support: MSMS, Hospice families, MI Hospice and Palliative Care Assn., MHA, Right to Life.

- **Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].**
- **SB 724 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.**

## **HB 4272 (Ehardt)**

HB 4272 would require that the Governor create and appoint a Commission on Patient Safety to examine means to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors in this State.

Support: DCH, MI Health and Hospital Assn., Beaumont Hospital, MI Osteopathic Assn, MI Assn. of Ambulance Services, MI Community Health Boards, MI Primary Care Assn., MI Psychological Assn., MI

Home Health Assn., SEIU, MI Assn. of Homes and Services to the Aging, MI Advocacy Project, MI Nurses Association.

- HB 4272 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.